(b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the residents of Prajapat Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi are facing a lot of problem due to air pollution arising out of smoke from these units; and

(d) if so, the action Government are proposing to take for closing down these units so as to enable the residents of that colony to breathe in smokeless air?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) As per Master Plan of Delhi 2021, the Village Pottery Industry (without bhatti) is allowed in residential rural areas. The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that it has not formulated any specific policy for closing down/relocating the domestic earthen pot making units.

(c) and (d) The Government of N.C.T. of Delhi has reported that no such complaint has been received by them from the residents of Prajapat Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi.

Violation of building by-laws in South Extension-I on Rajeshwar Arya Marg

152. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently multi-storeyed buildings have been constructed by the owners with the connivance of builders, architects and MCD Staff in the residential area of E-Block in South Extension Part-I on Rajeshwar Arya Marg;

(b) if so, whether the basements constructed in these buildings are in violation of building bye-laws and norms;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the use of basements in residential areas for offices and showrooms is strictly prohibited as per Delhi Municipal Act, 1957 (Amended 1993); and

(d) if so, the steps taken to seal these buildings or demolish them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Information in this regard is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.